



# YUKON RIVER NEWS RELEASE



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Radio Report #11. Broadcast over Nome radio stations KNOM, KICY, and KYUK, June 29-July 3, 2003.

This is Ryan Sollee with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with a fisheries announcement for Yukon Area salmon fishermen.

Harvest to date for Districts 1 and 2 is approximately 33,000 chinook and 4,100 summer chum salmon. Chinook salmon catches have fallen off in recent days in the departments test nets. However, the department will continue to monitor the salmon run. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule is being reinstated and subsistence salmon fishing periods for Districts 1, 2, and 3 are as follows:

The subsistence salmon fishing schedule in District 1 will begin Monday June 30. Subsistence salmon fishing in District 1 consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon will be allowed from 8:00 p.m. Monday until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 8:00 p.m. Thursday until 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

District 2 subsistence salmon fishing schedule consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon will be allowed from 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday until 8:00 a.m. Friday.

The subsistence salmon fishing schedule in District 3 will begin Sunday June 29. Subsistence salmon fishing in District 3 consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon will be allowed from 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday until 8:00 a.m. Friday.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish, sheefish, and pike, is open 7 days per week. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in Districts 1, 2, and 3 are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and 4-inches or smaller mesh size.

Escapement projects throughout the drainage are in and are counting fish. The Nulato and Gisasa River projects have been fighting high water but are expected to be counting fish within the next few days.

Chinook salmon have also crossed the Canadian Border and are also being counted in Tanana River tributaries.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska and Federal Subsistence Management regulations for Federal waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing in the Yukon Area. For further information regarding federal regulations please call 1-800-478-1456 or 949-1798.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at 949-1798. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Emmonak stands by on VHF channel 7A.

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